

#### State of Utah

# Department of Natural Resources

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# Division of Oil, Gas & Mining

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Company	Guy Davis Environmental Scientist				
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# **Inspection Report**

Permit Number:	C0150019			
Inspection Type:	COMPLETE			
Inspection Date:	Thursday, December 14, 2006			
Start Date/Time:	12/14/2006 9:30:00 AM			
End Date/Time:	12/14/2006 1:10:00 PM			
Last Inspection:	Friday, September 08, 2006			

Inspector: Pete Hess, Environmental Scientist III

Weather: Overcast; 40's F. Snow InspectionID Report Number: 1160

Types of Operations

Reprocessing

Accepted by: whedberg a

1/9/2007

Permitee: PACIFICORP

Operator: ENERGY WEST MINING CO
Site: COTTONWOOD/ WILBERG

Address: PO BOX 310, HUNTINGTON UT 84528

County: **EMERY** 

Permit Type: PERMANENT COAL PROGRAM

Permit Status: ACTIVE

#### **Current Acreages**

6,886.88	<b>Total Permitted</b>			
62.82	<b>Total Disturbed</b>			
	Phase I			
	Phase II			
	Phase III			

#### Mineral Ownership

Other

✓ Federal ✓ Underground

☐ State ☐ Surface
☐ County ☐ Loadout
✓ Fee ☐ Processing

Report summary and status for pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Division Orders, and amendments:

The Permittee is current relative to the required quarterly submittal of surface and ground water monitoring information for the Cottonwood / Wilberg permit area to the OGM electronic data base. Thus, the Permittee continues to meet the Special Permit Condition included as Attachment "A" of the current State permit.

The status of this site has not changed; it remains in temporary cessation.

There are no compliance actions pending.

Inspector's Signature:

Date

Thursday, December 14, 2006

Pete Hess, Environmental Scientist III

Inspector ID Number: 46

Note: This inspection report does not constitute an affidavit of compliance with the regulatory program of the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining.

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#### REVIEW OF PERMIT, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS PERMIT CONDITION REQUIREMENTS

- 1. Substantiate the elements on this inspection by checking the appropriate performance standard.
  - a. For COMPLETE inspections provide narrative justification for any elements not fully inspected unless element is not appropriate to the site, in which case check Not Applicable.
  - b. For PARTIAL inspections check only the elements evaluated.
- 2. Document any noncompliance situation by reference the NOV issued at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
- 3. Reference any narratives written in conjunction with this inspection at the appropriate performace standard listed below.
- 4. Provide a brief status report for all pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Divison Orders, and amendments.

		Evaluated	Not Applicable	Comment	Enforcement
1.	Permits, Change, Transfer, Renewal, Sale	✓			
2.	Signs and Markers	✓			
3.	Topsoil	<b>✓</b>			
4.a	Hydrologic Balance: Diversions	<b>✓</b>			
4.b	Hydrologic Balance: Sediment Ponds and Impoundments	<b>✓</b>		<b>~</b>	
4.c	Hydrologic Balance: Other Sediment Control Measures	<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>	
4.d	Hydrologic Balance: Water Monitoring	<b>✓</b>			
4.e	Hydrologic Balance: Effluent Limitations	<b>✓</b>		✓	
5.	Explosives		✓		
6.	Disposal of Excess Spoil, Fills, Benches		✓		
7.	Coal Mine Waste, Refuse Piles, Impoundments	✓		✓	
8.	Noncoal Waste	<b>✓</b>			
9.	Protection of Fish, Wildlife and Related Environmental Issues	✓			
10.	Slides and Other Damage		<b>V</b>		
11.	Contemporaneous Reclamation		✓		
12.	Backfilling And Grading		<b>V</b>		
13.	Revegetation		<b>V</b>		
14.	Subsidence Control		<b>V</b>		
15.	Cessation of Operations	<b>✓</b>			
16.a	a Roads: Construction, Maintenance, Surfacing	<b>V</b>			
16.t	Roads: Drainage Controls	<b>✓</b>			
17.	Other Transportation Facilities	✓.			
18.	Support Facilities, Utility Installations	<b>V</b>			
19.	AVS Check	<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>	
20.	Air Quality Permit		<b>V</b>		
21.	Bonding and Insurance	<b>✓</b>			
22.	Other				

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# 4.b Hydrologic Balance: Sediment Ponds and Impoundments

The waste rock pond and the north pond at the mine site were both frozen and snow covered. The Permittee's third quarter impoundment inspections were conducted by Messrs. John Christensen, P.E., and Rick Cullum, RLS on September 29, 2006. There were no signs of instability or other hazards noted for any of the three impoundments (North and South ponds, and the waste rock pond). All ponds had sediment storage capacity remaining below the 60% cleanout elevation, as of 9/29/2006. The monthly inspections required for the North and South ponds at the mine site (these are MSHA ponds) are current (See R645-301-514.320), based upon the MSHA granted variance.

# 4.c Hydrologic Balance: Other Sediment Control Measures

The silt fence which parallels the toe of the subsoil pile on the east side of the active waste rock site was pulled out of the ground for a distance of approximately 100 feet. A few small rills were observed along the fence, where flow had passed beneath the fence. All runoff reports to the waste rock site sediment pond. The Permittee agreed to repair this fence as quickly as possible. A re-evaluation of the design for this area was discussed.

## 4.e Hydrologic Balance: Effluent Limitations

The UPDES outfall (mine water discharge) located in Cottonwood Canyon was inspected; water is flowing to the Creek, per the approved design. There were no issues noted. The water was clear.

### 7. Coal Mine Waste, Refuse Piles, Impoundments

The Permittee's third quarter of 2006 waste rock pile inspection for the "active" site was conducted by Mr. John Christensen, P.E., on September 27, 2006. The reclaimed waste rock area inspection was conducted on September 29, 2006. No signs of instability, or other hazards were noted in the Permittee's documented report. The "active" site only receives sediment pond cleanout material from the Cottonwood / Wilberg Mine ponds. The September 27 and 29 inspection reports received the required P.E. certification by Mr. Christensen on October 25, 2006. To date, the fourth quarter inspections for these two facilities had not been conducted. There were no compliance actions noted at either site this day by the DOGM.

### 19. AVS Check

The Division approved updated ownership and control information for the PacifiCorp properties held in the State of Utah (Task ID #2601) on October 11, 2006. Mid America Energy Holdings Company is the new owner of the Cottonwood / Wilberg Mine.